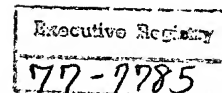


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2 June 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence *JS*

FROM :
National Intelligence Officer for Western Europe

SUBJECT : Interagency Memorandum on European Communist Parties

1. Action Requested: That you approve this memorandum and send it to the President and other selected recipients with the attached memo of transmittal.

2. Background: This interagency assessment was initiated by the NIO office as an independent intelligence input to policy deliberations on the European Communist problem, which are being conducted as a follow-on to PRM 9. At the PRC meeting on PRM 9 you suggested the desirability of more specific analysis on this problem.

3. Substance: The assessment focuses mainly on the Italian and French situations, which are the heart of the problem, though very dissimilar themselves. The memorandum is agreed intelligence in most respects, though it defines differences of view between DIA and the rest of the agencies on PCI attitudes toward NATO and on how the Soviets view the problem. These are noted in the Overview as well as the body of the text.

4. Your particular attention is called to the Overview and Principal Judgments section, which contains the main message.



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Attachments

APPROVED: _____
Director of Central Intelligence

DISAPPROVED: _____
Director of Central Intelligence

DATE: _____

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